

SENATE BILL 1437

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1 and Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4, relative to exposure to initiation of a process intended to result in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401, is amended by deleting subsection (g) and substituting instead the following:

(g) For purposes of this section, “adversely affect the child's health and welfare” may include, but not be limited to:

(1) The natural effects of starvation or dehydration; or

(2) The exposure of a child to initiation of a process intended to result in the manufacture of methamphetamine as described in § 39-17-435, despite the fact that the child may have a lack of immediately apparent bodily injury.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-402, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(4) and substituting instead the following:

(4) The act of abuse, neglect or endangerment is based on the knowing exposure of a child to initiation of the process intended to result in the manufacture of methamphetamine as described in § 39-17-435, which resulted in bodily injury to the child.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all acts committed on or after such date.